

The Social

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World

'WELCOME BABY' SURPRISE FETES MRS. I. McCROSSON

"Welcome Baby" in yellow and green decorated the cake and set the theme Thursday evening for a stork shower honoring Mrs. Irene McCrosson.

Aloha Land Trip Claims R. F. Bishops

Colorful vacation in the Aloha Land, Hawaii, has ended now for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bishop and daughter, Ann-Marie. The Bishops planned to the islands three weeks ago and returned to their Torrance home, 1433 El Prado, Tuesday morning.

Local Sisters Attend Texas Family Picnic

Family reunion picnic which brought together brothers and sisters who hadn't seen each other for eight years highlighted the recent ten-day Texas visit of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Calder and daughter, Betty, 21066 Moneta Ave., and Mrs. C. C. Cash and daughter, Mary Margaret, 1101 Maple St.

The sisters and their families visited relatives in Odessa, Penwell, Monehans and Grand Falls, Tex., returning to Torrance Monday.

Attending the reunion, held in the Monahans City Park, were Messrs. and Mesdames A. M. Fullwood and daughters, Nina and Billie Earl of Grand Falls; S. L. Fullwood of Conroe; James S. Fullwood and children, Travis Wayne and Natacha of Monahans; and Mr. Calder's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weeks of Penwell. The mother and a sister were unable to attend.

KRESSES VISIT FRISCO
San Francisco visit to several friends claimed Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kresse last week-end. They returned to their Torrance home, 1443 El Prado, Sunday.

GIRL SCOUTS SET AUGUST CAMP WEEK

Camping trip to Archie Shields Youth Camp at Palos Verdes will be the main August activity for Troop 562, Girl Scouts, Dianne Powers, publicity chair, announced this week.

Girls will enjoy swimming and games during the outing, Aug. 18-26.

July activities for the troop included a visit to Farmer's Market in Hollywood on the 23rd, and the operetta "New Moon" presented by the South Bay Civic "Y" Light Opera Association on the 18th at the South Bay Union High School auditorium. Los Angeles Museum tour occupied the girls the last week of June.

Troop members participating in the round of events are Carol Armstrong, Cecelia Argento, Carol Cooper, Geraldine Gale, Jane and Susan Gately, Andrea Harwood, Pauline Lupo, Brenta Martin, Kathleen, Sheila and Mary Moore, Rosemary Morris, Dianne Powers, Marilyn Revell.

Margaret Rushfelt, Kathleen Schott, Antoinette Strelch, Nancy Vieschaus and Patricia Turkmany.

Co-leaders of the troop are Mesdames Dorothy Schnorr and Rose Finn. Miss Toni White is council leader, and Mesdames Adela Armstrong and Muriel Gately are auxiliary leaders.

Woman's Club Slates Get-together Breakfast

Torrance Woman's Club will hold a get-together breakfast Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the home of Mrs. Phyrne Laughon, 375 Camino de las Colinas, Redondo Beach. The mid-summer event will begin at 8 a.m.

Guests from South Visit Carl Deans

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, 2564 Torrance Blvd., was enlivened this week by members of her family from Birmingham, Ala.

Guests are her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Wilson, and their children, Miss Martha Ruth and Lt. Roland Wilson of the U. S. Army; and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Skelding.

On this, their first trip west, the southern guests stopped enroute to Torrance at Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, and other scenic spots.

They plan to visit Catalina Island and Yosemite before Lt. Wilson continues up the coast to Seattle, where he will be assigned overseas duty.

Side trips to Tijuana and Knott's Berry Farm have featured the Torrance stay. Departure is planned the first of the week.

Calvin Clarks Are Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clark, July-wed couple now making their home at 1518 Post Ave., were feted Saturday night, July 26, at a surprise party given in the Long Beach home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagner.

Mrs. Wagner, a teacher at Perry School, where Mrs. Clark taught for three years, had invited a group of teachers in several Torrance schools for the event.

Included on the guest list were George Marich, vice principal; Robert Morton, principal; and Webb Smith, teacher of Torrance Elementary School, where Mrs. Clark will teach in the fall.

Attending the gathering were Messrs. and Mesdames Don Hoffman, Pete Petrat, Alvin Brown, Marich, Morton, Bruce Brady, Hubert O'Brian, Kenneth Crozier, Lester Foster, Harlow Hanson, Clark, Wagner and Cecil Alberts.

Misses Olive Marshall, Mollie Marshall and Marion Austin; Mrs. Pat Bennett and Mrs. Smith.

Seaside PTA Mends Books

Repairing school library books in preparation for the new school year was morning occupation Wednesday for the Seaside PTA board. The group met in the teachers' room at Seaside High.

The library, a Seaside PTA project, has been very popular with school children during the past two years, according to Mrs. William Shockey, library chairman. Books are taken each Wednesday to each classroom, where children select the books they want to borrow for a week.

Assisting Mrs. Shockey in the book mending and enjoying coffee and cake were Mesdames Byron Johnson, Loren Edman, Harold Muldoon, Robert Mease and John Whyte.

LIBRARIAN RECALLS UNCLE, FOUNDER OF THIS CITY, BORN 100 YEARS AGO TODAY

"WHAT A MAN does is much more important than what he looks like."

Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of this city, who was born 100 years ago today, believed this, and that is why there are no portraits of him in public buildings of the town he created, said his niece, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian and only member of the Torrance family living here today.

By that criterion, there is little need for a picture of Mr. Torrance, for a look at the city tells the story of the man he was and the things he did better than any picture could.

HE WAS A "man with vision and a practical turn of mind," said Mrs. Jamieson.

Born Aug. 3, 1852, in Gowanda, 30 miles southeast of Buffalo, N. Y., the city founder was descended from Robert Torrance, who came to the United States in 1754 from Mayaguez, County Kerry, Ire. He first lived in Woodbury, Conn., married Lucy Peck, and subsequently moved to Middlebury, Vt.

BUT THE MODERN machine development so well exemplified in present-day Torrance owes its roots not so much to this Torrance but to his son, Robert, an early American mechanic engaged in casting ordnance in a factory at Litchfield, Conn., owned by Ethan Allen.

Robert was one of the famed Allen "Green Mountain Boys" and fought in the French and Indian wars.

A second son of Robert Torrance, Styles, settled in western New York and established a large wooden mill near Buffalo. He married Matilda Hubbard, and their son, Cyrenus Chapin, was destined to be the father of Jared Sidney Torrance.

AT THE TIME of Jared's birth, his father was an attorney for the Seneca. From 1851 to 1864 he served as district attorney for Erie County, which includes Buffalo.

THE MAN FATED to found the city of Torrance attended Sheffield Scientific School and Yale University, from which he received a Ph. D. degree in 1875. He began his life as a lumberman in western New York and branched into realty operations and banking before coming to California.

Two years of failing health kept him in Stralsund, and in 1887 he settled in Pasadena, engaging in realty operations, and developing the electric light system of that city.

He was much in love with California, Mrs. Jamieson said, often used to say: "If the Pilgrims had landed in California first, there would be no Plymouth Rock today."

AN OFFICER AND DIRECTOR of 140 corporations during his California years, Torrance's business ventures covered such diverse fields as education, industry, land, cattle, oil, electricity, transportation, banking, agriculture, horticulture, real estate and public utilities.

He was one of the first officials of the Union Oil Co., the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Co., Pacific Electric Co., and the Dominguez Land Corp., which bought the area from Dominguez Rancho which was to become the city of Torrance in 1913.

"THE RAPID RISE in value of Los Angeles real estate between 1900 and 1910 was the direct cause of the inception of the undertaking to build a new industrial center near San

Pedro Harbor, to which the subsequent name of Torrance was given," he wrote at the time the town was established.

"It was expected that incidentally the enterprise would prove profitable as well as utilitarian," he continued. "It is difficult, however, at this time, to forecast the outcome. It must eventually prove a material success. Residents of Torrance will enjoy an environment which will make for good health, good morals, and industrial welfare and prosperity, and if conditions return to normal within a reasonable time and the wheels of western progress are again put in motion, the public-spirited men behind the enterprise should reap substantial rewards."

HOW RIGHT HE WAS is displayed by the rapid growth of Torrance. At the time of his death on March 29, 1921, there were only 3,000 people in the town. Today the estimated population is nearly 35,000.

His far-sightedness is shown in other predictions. He had interests in the Palomar Land and Cattle Co., owning 2,000,000 acres of grain land in Chihuahua, Mex.; Edison Electric Co., of which he was vice-president; Chino Land and Water Corp.; Pasadena Electric Light and Power Co.; Ventura County Power Co.; Union Tool Co.; California Industrial Co.; Chester Fireproof Building Co. and Los Angeles Public Market, Inc.

NOT ALL OF his time was spent in developing industry and planning a town, however, Mrs. Jamieson revealed. He was associated with philanthropic and historical enterprises, and in his "leisure" time he studied genealogy.

His philanthropy and history interest was illustrated by his affiliation with the LaVerne Sanitarium, McKinley Home for Boys, Darlow Sanitarium Association, and Southwest Museum, of which he was president at the time of his death.

AN ESTATE of \$2,918,581 was distributed among his relatives. A large endowment also went to the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Torrance City Library was established by this man. His sister, the mother of Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Isabel Torrance Henderson, was the first city librarian. Mrs. Jamieson took over the job when her mother died in 1937.

"JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE was a quiet man; not a 'hale fellow, well-met,' but a friendly personality," Mrs. Jamieson said.

It is to him that Torrance owes its beginning.

A city is like a snowball rolling downhill, gaining momentum and growing as it goes. To the courage and insight of the man who started the ball rolling here, this city owes its present growth and prosperity.

FAMILIES ENJOY BEACH BARBECUE

Barbecue - by the beach highlighted last night for Messrs. and Mesdames William J. Garry Jr., Vincent K. Hepson of Hollywood Riviera, Thomas McLoughlin and William J. Garry Sr. of Los Angeles. Site of the outdoor gathering was Playa del Rey. Following the barbecue, guests joined in a songfest.

Coffee Hour Set By P T A

Cake and coffee hour will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, by the Parent Teacher Association of Crenshaw Elementary School in the home of Vice President Mrs. W. R. Reeves, 8304 W. 136th St.

Coffee and a variety of sweetbreads, cakes and rolls will be served for 25 cents from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There also will be a sale of baked goods.

Mothers may bring their children and enjoy a social hour while the children participate in back yard supervised play.

PTA is sponsoring the event to raise money for fall association activities.



Miss Grace Hjerge, daughter of Mrs. Ina Hjerge, 1622 Madrid Ave., is betrothed to Jack L. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern F. Schapp of El Monte. Wedding plans are for early November.

Mrs. Williams Dons Bib For Surprise Stork Shower

Wearing a bib and holding a rattle throughout the evening, Mrs. H. P. Williams was honored Thursday, July 31, at a stork shower given by Mrs. Frank Hunter, 1604 Date Ave.

The event came as a complete surprise to the honoree.

A giant-sized pink and blue bootie held gifts for the coming blessed event. Nut cups fashioned like diapers and a stork-decorated cake completed the traditional baby shower motif.

Centering the refreshment table was a pink and blue cradle complete with doll to represent baby-to-be.

Guests tested their memory as the hostess passed around a tray of sight and gave each one a picture to record the party activities they remembered. They also matched wits in unscrambling boys' and girls' names and recalling baby names for various animals.

Honors in the three games were won by Mesdames Carl Conry, William Cooper and Louie Sanders.

Gathering at the Hunter home to fete the honoree were Mesdames William Cooper, John Stoddard, Robert Jamison, John Kemp, Robert Price, John Hamm, Stanley Wilner, Louie Sanders, Jack Jerrils, Warren Moody, H. C. Barrington, J. A. Barrington.

A. B. McTea, John Ricci, Carl Conry, Robert Peckham, Lee Hickman, Ollie Stows, C. L. Leon, Clinton Lewis and Gordon Nor-

A. Isens Visit Daughter
Visiting their daughter, Miss Lorna Isen at Berkeley this weekend are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Isen, 1504 Engracia Ave. They plan to return home today.

(ington; and Miss Frances Barrington.

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Lafayette's grave in Paris is covered with soil taken from Bunker Hill.

"SMOKING BIRD HATCHES FIRE

DETROIT, Mich., July 31. - A "sparrow, name unknown, building its nest under the eaves of Mrs. Oka Tull's home, picked up a still lighted cigarette from the street. Part of the roof and side of the house had to be replaced.

Proving, of course, a bird in the eaves is worse than two in the bush, especially one that has taken up cigarettes. A wise "bird" it appears, covers his "nest" with adequate fire insurance policy. W. E. Bowen, Torrance 215.

DOES TO ATTEND 'DAUGHTERS' MEET

Tuesday evening, Aug. 5, members of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, plan to attend, as a group, the regular meeting of Bethel No. 50, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the chapter and visiting are cordially invited to attend this meeting as an interesting evening is planned, said Worthy Matron Alethea Smith.

Mrs. F. Galloway Honors Her Mother On 82nd Birthday

Eighty-two years of living were occasion Tuesday evening for a party given by Mrs. Floyd Galloway in honor of her mother, Mrs. R. N. Husk, who is visiting from Trinidad, Colo.

Following presentation of many gifts, refreshments, including the traditional birthday cake, were served by the hostess.

Those Torrance residents attending were Mesars. and Mesdames Dan Kelton, Jim Spore and daughter, Geraldine Rusa; Richard Hogue and daughter, Jaeger; Mesdames Bob York and Marie Jones; and Misses LaVonne Galloway and Freda Peck.

Also included on the guest list were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Teer and Mrs. Irene Robert of Redondo Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. Loyde Rennels and Miss Nancy Harris of Los Angeles.

Vacation at Arrowhead

"August at Arrowhead" is the plan of Mrs. M. N. Felker and daughters Sharon and Andrea, 1010 Beech Ave. The three left Friday for a month's vacation in the mountains.

ensen, and Peteria Johansen of Westchester; R. W. Stevens of Pacific Grove; Glen Arrowsmith and Mel Holt of Long Beach; Chuck Stiley of Redondo Beach; and William Guthrie of Wilmington.

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Smash Snafus 17-Day Tour of Gotts Family

A new Cadillac purchased on an eastern trip by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gotts, 25913 Cypress St., didn't stay that way long.

As the Torrance couple, accompanied by their children Virginia, Charlen and Mrs. Coleen Steele, were driving near Shreveport, La., a truck swerved and hit their new car.

Passengers were "shut in" for the remainder of the trip, as the crash welded shut the doors on the right side of the auto.

Might-have-been high points of the trip, a visit with Mr. Gotts' relatives in Henryetta, Okla.; and sightseeing in New Orleans, La.; Jackson, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Pike's Peak, Colo. faded into the background as the accident took over the spotlight.

The Gottses returned Thursday after the 17-day tour.

PINK, BLUE AFFAIR FETES MRS. J. BAY

Gifts piled high in a pink and blue bassinet highlighted a stork shower given recently in honor of Mrs. Joseph Bay by two sisters-in-law, Mesdames Wesley Scruggs and Gene Phillips. Shower scene was at the home of the honoree's mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Bay, 2003 Gramercy Ave.

A large stork surrounded by vari-colored summer flowers dominated the buffet table and set the scene for the pink and blue event. Individual favors, frilly candy cups in pastel shades, accented the arrangement.

Traditional shower games were played and prizes were won by Mesdames Charles Bartholomew and Ralph Marzullo.

Attending the affair were Mesdames Larry Ryan, Carl

Dean, E. Hosking, Paul Vonderhage, Anna Bay, Walter Hillier, Bartholomew, Scruggs, Fred Marsteller, Louella Curler, Marzullo, John Schwartz, James Van Dyck, Phillips, William Lest, Ed Schwartz, Judith Washburn, Earl Kent, the honoree and Misses Lute Fraser and Nancy Whyte, all of Torrance.

Out-of-town guests were Mesdames Max Kaiser, James Sor-

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